

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 703

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Brenda Stone on the occasion of her retirement from teaching.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our superlative educators who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brenda Stone is one such extraordinary educator who has served with probity for 30 years as a first grade teacher at Clarksville Academy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stone has taught first grade at the academy since the day it first opened its doors as a private school in 1970; she will retire at the end of the 1999-2000 school year after 30 exemplary years in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Stone has served her school with enthusiasm, industry, and singular acumen as an exceptional teacher; she has inspired her students to imagine a better future, and she has helped to make a better world possible by encouraging excellence in her students; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the many accolades she has received during her peerless tenure, "Brenda Stone Day" was declared by order of an official proclamation from the City of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stone's dedicated service was celebrated with a ceremony held in her honor at Clarksville Academy; students from kindergarten through sixth grade treated their beloved teacher to gifts of special artwork, stories, and poems, all made from the heart, and surprised her with balloons and a special breakfast; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of the special ceremony was the appearance of Brenda Stone's only daughter, Beth Stone-Norris; she surprised her mother by flying down from her home in New Jersey to be a part of this special day; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stone exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and she is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her; she is tremendously respected and admired by her students and fellow faculty members alike; and

WHEREAS, Brenda Stone is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and a friend, Ms. Brenda Stone is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Brenda Stone our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, even as we salute her exemplary career as an educator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.